

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Submitted herewith is an annotated sheet showing new Figure 3. New Figure 3 more clearly shows the two-sided display having different information displayed on opposite sides.

Upon an indication by the Examiner that new Figure 3 is acceptable, a formal rendition (replacement sheet) of Figure 3 will be submitted.

Attachment: Annotated Sheet – Figure 3

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 9-15 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

Entry of Amendment

It is respectfully requested that the present amendment should be entered into the official file in view of the fact that the amendments to the claims automatically place the application in condition for allowance. Alternatively, if the Examiner does not agree that the application is in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the present amendment should be entered for the purpose of appeal. The present amendment includes changes to the specification and drawings to overcome the Examiner's objection and, accordingly, does not present new issues. Claim 9 has been amended to make the language more clear and does not present any new issues. Furthermore, claim 8 has been cancelled so that the number of claims being considering is reduced. According, Applicants submit that entry of this amendment is appropriate.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the claimed invention. The Examiner states that the two-sided display, same information displayed must be shown. Applicants submit that the Examiner's statement is incorrect in that the two-sided display has different information displayed on opposite sides. However, Applicants are submitting new

Fig. 3 which shows this arrangement more clearly. This figure shows the elevator car 4 when viewed from the top with the two-sided display mounted in front of the elevator door so that display 2 can be observed from the lobby while display 3 can be observed from inside the elevator. Also, display 1 is shown as being mounted on the lobby wall. This arrangement is also shown in Fig. 2. However, Fig. 3 has been submitted to show this more clearly from a different angle. Accordingly, this drawing objection is believed to be overcome.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Mandel et al. (U.S. Patent 4,149,614). This rejection is respectfully traversed. This claim has been cancelled rendering this objection moot.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over Mandel et al. '614, Hikita (U.S. Published Application 2003/0164267) and further in view of Mandel et al. (U.S. Patent 4,032,882). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In regard to Mandel et al. '614, the Examiner points out that destination floors 154 and 178 are displayed in the car and on the floor. The Examiner admits that this reference does not illustrate the same display at each location. The Examiner states that Hikita teaches that passenger anxiety is reduced by providing the display at the elevator car to be the same as the floor call point 10. However, Applicants note that Hikita shows only hall displays and not car

displays. The anxiety is reduced by showing which floors are assigned to which cars so that passengers can view the floors to which each car is assigned. These displays are not seen in the cars at all.

The Examiner admits that these two references do not show a two-sided display. The Examiner relies on Mandel et al. '882 to show a two-sided display within the car. Applicants agree that this reference shows a display having two sides so that it is easy to see within the car from different angles. However, Applicants submit that this does not teach the present invention.

Claim 9 now makes it clear that three (3) displays are included. The first display is on the starting floor which displays the floors which have been allocated to the associated elevator car. The car contains the second and third displays with the second display being viewed from the lobby when the door is open and with the information displayed being the same as on the first display. The third display faces into the car and includes different information from the first two. It not only includes the information which is present in the first two, but also displays the floors which have been selected by the passengers which are within that car. Applicants submit that the combination of these three references does not teach the present claimed invention. None of the references, nor any combination thereof, teaches the concept of having three displays with the second and third being within the car, the first and second having the same information, and the third having additional information, the first and second being viewed from the lobby and the third being viewed only from within the car. In view of this, Applicants submit that claim 9 is not obvious over this three-way combination of references.

Claims 10-15 depend from claim 9 and as such are also considered to be allowable. In addition, each of these claims recite other features of the invention which make them additionally allowable.

The Examiner has commented that the specification does not state that a two-sided display is present. Applicants disagree with this statement and point to page 4, line 33 of the specification, which states that the floor number display 2, 3 placed inside the elevator car is a two-sided display. In view of this, Applicants submit that the claims are additionally allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that the claims clearly distinguish over the patents relied on by the Examiner, either alone or combination. In view of this, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse (Reg. No. 27,295) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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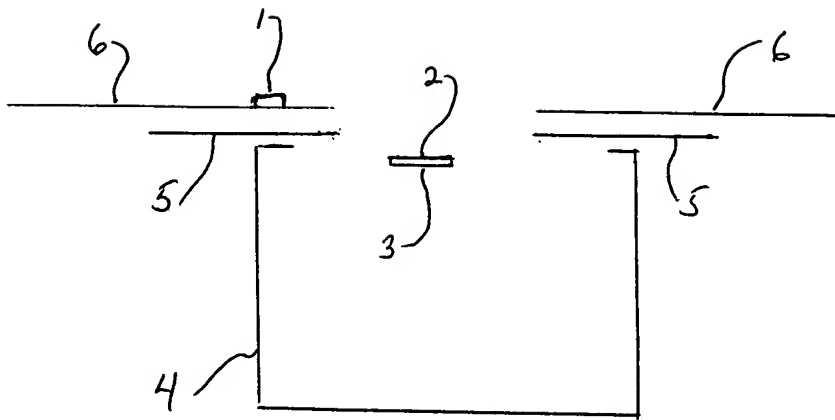


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